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Subject: For Review: Inside EPA re TCEQ assessment of ethylene oxide

Attachments: EtO TCEQ.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: "Stuart Parker" < <u>sparker@iwpnews.com</u>> **To:** "Jones, Enesta" < Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>

Subject: Question re TCEQ assessment of ethylene oxide

Enesta, Hi.

Texas recently issued a draft document for public comment that rejects EPA's 2016 IRIS assessment of ethylene oxide (EtO) toxicity, in favor of a much weaker value (attached).

What is EPA's position on this TCEQ position? Does the agency regard Texas' position as correct, or incorrect? Might EPA adopt the Texas position, in whole or in part, when crafting air rules on EtO?

Thanks,

Stuart Parker

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